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HYPNOSIS GUEST LECTURES - HEADS WITH RESEARCH TALES

Heads of two of the major hypnosis labs in the U.S. will give free guest lectures at Sir George next week.

First up is Martin T. Orne of the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital. He's an M.D. whose 1959 Ph.D. thesis "The Nature of Hypnosis: Artifact and Essence" has become a classic. As a psychologist he is famous for the notion of "demand characteristics" - anything which communicates to the subject the experiment's intent and so affects the result. Recently he has been studying lie detection, sleep and bio-feedback. He'll speak on "Studies in EEG Alpha Feedback" on Monday, October 7 at 2:30 p.m. in room H-520 of the Hall Building.

Next is Stanford U's Ernest R. Hilgard, president of the International Society of Hypnosis and the man who devised the Stanford Hypnotic Susceptibility Scales. His research involves pain and the prospect that the mind has multiple control systems that may be tapped by hypnosis. He'll talk on "What Hypnosis Teaches Us About The Mind" on Thursday, October 10 at 4 p.m. in H-520.

Both experts are in town for the 26th annual meeting of The Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis running October 8-13 at the Ritz-Carlton.

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